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Title: Observation Business transacted by the House during the week ending 14th March, 2008.

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MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Hon. members, for your information, I want to briefly recapitulate the main items of business transacted by the House during the last week.

During Question Hour, out of the 100 Starred Questions which were listed, only 23 could be answered orally. The replies to the remaining Starred Questions along with the replies to 1230 Unstarred Questions for the same period were laid on the Table.

As regards Legislative Business, the House continued with the combined discussion on the Statutory Resolution disapproving the Railways (Amendment) Ordinance, 2008; Railways (Amendment) Bill, 2008; General Discussion on the Budget (Railways) - 2008-09; Supplementary Demands for Grants (Railways) - 2007-08 and the Demands for Excess Grants (Railways) 2005-06. The combined discussion which took 10 hours and 51 minutes, concluded with the reply of the Minister of Railways. The Statutory Resolution was withdrawn and the Railways (Amendment) Bill, 2008 was passed. All the Demands for Grants on Account (Railways) for 2008-09 and the Supplementary Demands for Grants (Railways) for 2007-08 were voted in full and the related Appropriation Bills were passed.

The House, thereafter, took up General Discussion on the Budget for the State of Karnataka for 2008-09; and Supplementary Demands for Grants (Karnataka) for the year - 2007-08. The discussion concluded with the reply of the Finance Minister and thereafter the Demands for Grants on Account for 2008-09 and Supplementary Demands for Grants (Karnataka) 2007-08 were voted in full. Related Appropriation Bills were also passed.

Another important discussion that took place during the week was a General Discussion on the Budget (General) for 2008-09; the Demands for Grants on Account (General) for 2008-09; and the Supplementary Demands for Grants (General) - 2007-08, which lasted for 16 hours and 17 minutes. The discussion was concluded with the reply of the Finance Minister and thereafter Demands for Grants on Account (General) for 2008-09 and Supplementary

Demands for Grants (General) 2007-08 were voted in full and the related Appropriation Bills were passed.

Another combined discussion on the Statutory Resolution seeking to disapprove the Delimitation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2008 and the Delimitation (Amendment) Bill, 2008 and the Representation of People (Amendment) Bill, 2008 was held for 3 hours before the Statutory Resolution was withdrawn and the Bills were passed.

These important discussions saw overwhelming participation from the Members.

Nine Statements were made by the Ministers on important subjects in the House.

During the week, members raised as many as 45 matters of urgent public importance. Also, 54 matters were raised under Rule 377.

The Departmentally Related Standing Committees presented two Reports, during the last week.

While we lost 3 hour and 32 minutes due to interruptions and adjournments last week, the House sat late for 12 hours and 28 minutes to compensate the lost time.

I take this opportunity to convey my sincere thanks to the hon. Members for the co-operation and support extended to the Chair in smooth conduct of the proceedings.